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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Let the Hon. Minister look into the list himself. The District Judge of Salem is included in it. It is stated that he is given free quarters. And the District Judge of Chingleput certainly comes under this category."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I shall have the point examined."

Reconstitution of Regional Transport Authorities.

* 332 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that orders have been issued for reconstituting the Regional Transport Authorities;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Presidents of District Boards are excluded from those bodies; and

(*c*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir.

" (*c*) Government considered that the Divisional Engineers (Highways) would be helpful to the Regional Transport Authorities in tendering advice on the capacity of particular roads to bear heavy traffic and also in attending to repairs and improvements to bus routes."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" சார், டிவிஷனல் என்ஜினியர்கள் தேவையென்று சர்க்காருக்குத் தோன்றினால் அவர்களை மட்டும் சேர்த்துக் கொண்டிருக்கலாமே ? அதற்காக ஜில்லா போர்டு தலைவர்களை இந்தக் கமிட்டியிலிருந்து நீக்கவேண்டிய அவசியம் என்ன ? அதோடுகூட Regional Transport Authority என்பது சட்டப்படி அமைக்கப்படவேண்டிய ஒரு ஸ்தாபனம். அது ஒரு முக்கியமான கமிட்டி. அந்தக் கமிட்டியின் அடிப்படையில் மாறுதல் செய்யும்போது, ஏன் இந்தச் சபை முன்பு அந்தப் பிரச்னையை கொண்டுவரவில்லை என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The Government feel that three members are quite sufficient and do not want to make the committee unwieldy. They also feel that Divisional Engineers will be more useful to the committe than District Board Presidents."

Details of annual expenditure incurred by the City Improvement Trust.

* 333 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the amount spent annually by the City Improvement Trust?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" A statement[a] showing the details of annual expenditure incured by the City Improvement Trust from 1947 to 1954 is placed on the table of the House. The expenditure under non-recurring items indicates the amount spent on improvement schemes and other works."

[a] Printed as Appendix V on page 818 infra.